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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Mr. Rose and Mr. McCue arrived late for the meeting. They were both detained attending Police Department negotiations in Town Hall.

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with Chairman Hegarty and Mr. Brady present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, December 20, 2012 (Regular Session) as written. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hegarty. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Wednesday, November 28, 2012 (Workshop Meeting) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Water Commissioners, scheduled at 7:35 p.m. to provide updates on Water Department issues to the Board, were detained. Their meeting, posted at 7:00 p.m., was still ongoing at this time.

New Business

A request was received from the Park and Recreation Commission to declare a Skaggs lawn mower surplus.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the request from the Park and Recreation Commission and declare a Skaggs lawn mower as surplus. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills minus the invoice for Paolini Corp. since a statement of completion from Tibbetts Engineering and several lien releases have not been received. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Brady made a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Avon and the Professional Firefighters of Avon (Local 3857) for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A resignation letter was received from Personnel Board member Margo Mansur of 26 King Street.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept Mrs. Mansur's resignation from the Town of Avon's Personnel Board with regret and publicly thanked her for her service to the Town. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty asked Mrs. Rothstein to write a letter to Mrs. Mansur thanking her for her years of service to the Town of Avon.

Chairman Hegarty announced anyone interested in serving on the Personnel Board should send a letter of interest to Town Moderator Frank Staffier via the Avon Town Hall.

AVON BUILDING COMMITTEE

Avon Building Committee Chair Tracy Self and member Elaine Dombrosky appeared before the Board.

Chairman Hegarty reported that originally there were five (5) members of the Avon Building Committee; now they are down to two (2) members.

Ms. Self stated the committee is looking for new members and would like to see 5-7 members on the Building Committee. This is a very important project. The need for a public safety building has been addressed for the last 25 years. Mrs. Dombrosky commented that it would be helpful to have some members with some construction/project manager-type expertise.

Chairman Hegarty mentioned that there is very little Town-owned land. The Town would have to bond out a project of this size. There is never a good time to fund such a project.

Chairman Hegarty suggested setting a date in February and asking the Town Moderator to come in. Additional members need to be appointed and then the committee can move forward.

The Board agreed to meet with the Town Moderator and the Building Committee at their first Board of Selectmen's meeting in February (February 7th).

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Brady made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hegarty.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Brady voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

At this time, Mr. Rose and Mr. McCue were still detained and not in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,


Miriam Rothstein
Secretary